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An Interview With Mr. Parker, Our New Administrator

By Marley Pinsky

This year, Rocky Hill has welcomed many new staff members to our community. The Wildcat Roar has decided to highlight Mr. Parker, our brand new assistant principal. You never would've guessed that he began his path in education as a P.E. teacher!



Wildcat Roar: Where did you come from before you came to Rocky Hill?

Mr. Parker: Previously, I was at Lakelands Park Middle School as an Assistant School Administrator, 7th Grade Team Leader, and Science Content Specialist. Prior to that, I worked at Parkland Middle School as the 8th Grade Team Leader and After School Activities Coordinator. My teaching background is Middle School Science, though I started my career teaching P.E.

WR: What's your favorite part about your job?

Mr. P: I enjoy getting to see so many students and staff members every day, in multiple settings throughout the building.

WR: What are your favorite things to do outside of work?

Mr. P: I enjoy working in the yard and around the house, going on long bike rides and spending sunny days outside with my family.

WR: Speaking of your family, would you like to share any information about them?

Mr. P: I am originally from New York, where a lot of my extended family still lives. My wife is also an MCPS educator, and we have an 18 month old girl.

WR: What hobbies or activities did you participate in during middle school?

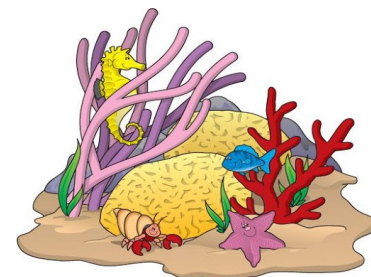
Mr. P: I was on the tennis and soccer teams. I played trombone in band and jazz band and also was a part of the school newspaper.

WR: Do you have any advice for middle school students?

Mr. P: Don't let mistakes defeat you, but learn from them so you can be successful. Have fun and enjoy this chapter in your life, but remember to be respectful to your classmates and teachers.

Welcome to Rocky Hill Mr. Parker!

The Little Mermaid
play is coming
Feb. 1st and 2nd



Question for Mrs.Rye

By:

Wildcat Roar- What do you think of the 6th graders?

Ms. Rye- This year group of 6th graders are simply amazing. They are very kind respectful and hard working. I look for to a great 2018 - 2019 year.

WR- What do you love about writing and English? What's your favorite play.

Rye-It changes every year . As of now is *Come From Away*. I saw it when I was chaperoning for the drama. If very moving if you remember the events of 9-11

WR- What's your favorite poet?

Rye- William Shakespeare. He also wrote sonnets. My favorite is Sonnet 18

WR- What is your favorite inspirational quote ?

Rye-“Intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character that is the goal of true education” by Martin Luther King.

WR- When did you start getting into writing?

Rye- In third grade . She still has a illstrational poem from . She always love creative writing . She also loves to research.

WR- How can you get help for projects if your struggling?

Rye- Ask for writing conference in the morning or lunch

WR- What are do and don'ts for your classroom?

Rye- Everything we do in my classroom help individuals learn helps those around them learn and helps me teach. There are no do or do nots”

WR- Do you have anything else to say to the 6th graders?

Rye-Remember every grade you earn should be a grade that reflects that you tried your hardest.



Trees

By:Sheilla Agopome

Humans are like trees

A seed is planted

Turning into seedling

Slowly growing in different ways

Taking first steps

Changing into a sapling , a child

Swaying back and forth sometimes falling

But getting back up easily

Then it becomes mature

Healthy, strong

Holding Its ground and

Never backing down

Humans are like trees

The cycle starts all over again



Wi-Fi Debate

By: Sean Jean Baptiste



People in the modern day world use phones in many situations. In many of their lives, they use Wifi on their devices to satisfy their needs. Wifi can be used to call and text to communicate. Also, it can be used to search up almost anything that is unknown. For an emergency, they call the police to come to their aid. But in this case, one would have to walk all the way to the office to do so. This school should provide signal for a personal emergency. They might also need it to search up unknown words and phrases. This might help them on the daily basis for long, written assignments. There may be those to use it to play around, but when the time comes for a exam, it is them who will get a bad score and struggle to do better. Soon after, they will not dare to be in that same situation again. A teacher's job should be to teach, not have to confiscate phones.

Leaving Middle School

By: Nikole Liu



So, what's high school truly like? Is it really that hard and stressful? Will there be more work? Or will it be the same as middle school? How's it going to go, from being one of the oldest middle school students to one of the youngest high school students? Many high schools are very different. So, there may be different experiences and opportunities people have, but all that is stated, is what high school is really like without any stereotypes.

Starting Off At A New School

Let's start off by talking about what it's like being a freshman in high school. High school is a big eye opener. Most high schools hold an orientation for new students to get familiar with their surroundings and have a good sense of where classes, lockers, bathrooms, and etc. will be. This is done since high school is way bigger than middle school. In that case, it'll be easier for students to feel less scared/anxious of being in high school and seeing new students.

Taking Classes

The classes in high school are different from those in middle school. When in high school you have more freedom and you could manage your own schedule whereas in middle school you're most likely to be assigned with one. There's even a variety of classes to take depending on your interest and what you want to major in. In each class you take, you have a choice to take a certain level like AP or honors. AP stands for Advanced Placement which students can start taking in their junior year. However, when taking the exams in your AP classes, may be tough. And some may be harder due to your personal strengths and knowledge. But in general, all AP classes will be challenging including the exams, since they are at the same level of an introductory college class. When taking honors classes in high school, it helps boost your GPA which is your Grade Point Average. This makes your application more competitive than others who have taken on level classes. Honors and AP classes are almost the same thing except when taking AP classes you have a chance of getting college credit, when in honors classes there's not so much of a chance.

Electives and Bigger Opportunities

When you become a high school student, you'll have a lot of choices to choose for your elective, based on your interest. Including more opportunities to make your transcript look amusing for college. For example, an opportunity provided to help your transcript can be joining clubs/teams and taking advanced/college courses. When taking an elective class, it helps educate you based off of your interest. It even allows students to most likely get a degree in a course that they took as an elective.

What High School Really Is Like

Middle school and high school are pretty similar, except in high school the education grows harder and harder including homework. High school may be difficult but it's usually just the school that is being competitive with the student's body. There's bigger and maybe even better opportunities to experience. Additionally, high school is all about preparing you for the real world with the chance to grow physically, mentally and emotionally. Therefore, high school is important for your life and career, mostly in general.

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Un Nueva Profesora

By: Alyssa Bass

It is always very exciting to be able to welcome a new teacher to Rocky Hill. This year we have a new Spanish teacher, Ms. Serrano. We asked Ms. Serrano a few questions to get to know her better as a teacher.

WR: Why do you enjoy teaching?

Ms. Serrano: I love to be around kids. They're all so special.

WR: How long have you been teaching?

Ms. Serrano: This is my 4th year teaching.

WR: Where did you teach before Rocky Hill?

Ms. Serrano: I taught at Neelsville.

WR: What is your favorite thing about Rocky Hill so far?

Ms. Serrano: The students here are amazing. They are all so eager, fun, and interested in learning.

WR: Why did you want to teach Spanish?

Ms. Serrano: I want my students to be comfortable in Spanish and be able to speak with other Spanish speakers.

WR: What other subjects have you taught?

Ms. Serrano: I also teach ESOL.

I know we are all so excited to have Ms. Serrano on our staff this year. Let's make Rocky Hill a school she'll never forget.



Elections 2018

By: Rayn Anwar



November 6th, election night in America. Although this election isn't Presidential, this is still an important factor to Presidents

Trumps last 2 years. As of now, Republicans control both House of Representatives and Senate. For the Democrats to win the majority of the House, they need at least 218 seats. Maryland Governor Larry Hogan a Republican in a Democratic state, he seeks re-election this year against Ben Jealous, the Democratic nominee. In the Senate, Ben Cardin is running against Tony Campbell the Republican nominee for Senate in Maryland.

--Post Elections--

Larry Hogan the Republican nominee for Governor won his second term against Democratic nominee Ben Jealous. In the Senate Ben Cardin is reelected for his second term in the U.S. Senate. Democrats had to take at least 23 Republican seats while keeping their own. In the Senate Republicans have 51 of 100 seats in the Senate, while Democrats have 44 seats, Independent parties won 2 seats. As of now, 3 seats are undecided or too early to be called. In Georgia Democratic Nominee Stacey Abrahams refuses to concede to Brian Kemp the Republican nominee for Governor. She demands a recount as ABC news says, "Too close to be called."

Also, the first Muslim women in Congress were elected last night. Tlaib is a Muslim Palestinian immigrant who celebrated her victory last night wrapped in the Palestinian flag. Ilhan Omar the Somali American, she danced to Somali music with her family on the news of her win. These 2 women both stand against unjust treatment at airports.

Wrapping it all up we'll see how the Republicans and Democrats work issues out in House of Representatives in Democratic control, along with the Senate in Republican control. Mike Pence our Vice President will remain as president of the Senate and a different House Speaker looking favorable to be Nancy Pelosi.

SSL Opportunities

SSL

By: Lily Baick

In order to graduate from any high school in MCPS you must have at least 75 SSL hours. SSL stands for Student Service Learning. SSL hours are supposed to teach students how to give back to the community. If you are unable to complete your 75 hours then, you are unable to graduate high school. Luckily for you I have some SSL opportunities that might just help you finish and graduate.

1. Rainbow Place Women's homeless shelter- Rainbow place is a women's overnight emergency shelter that provides a hot meal, shelter for the night and packaged lunch. You will be able to take orders for dinner, cook and serve the women. You can earn up to 4 hours! The shelter will be open from November 1st - March 31st. For more information type up the link below- <http://www.rainbowplace.org/aboutRainbow>. When I volunteered I had such an amazing time giving back to the community.
2. Volunteer at your local elementary school- Had a favorite teacher? Email them and ask if they need any help in their class. Choose a date to go in and help them out. You can get many ssl hours from just helping sort or print papers. <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/gibbses/> <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/littlebennettes/> <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/clarksburgs/index.aspx>
3. Help sort books at the library- The MCPS library is constantly looking for people who are willing to help sort and shelve books. It's a fun experience and you will learn more about the MCPS library. You and your best friend can go and help today! <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/>
4. Run the snack bar at the Rockville Baseball center- Fan of baseball? Want SSL hours? Well this is the service for you. You will have the opportunity to run a hotdog stand! You might even get a good view of the game! Interested? You can always email rbbasnackbar@gmail.com This will run until November 25th 2018. Hurry! There are only 2 spots left!
5. Become a Red Cross donor- Want to give back to the military and get SSL hours? Then, you should head over to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center! Duties would include cleaning mats, folding and stocking towels, cleaning equipment and additional tasks to assist staff members. Volunteers are needed for 4 hour shifts during business hours Monday-Friday. https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=283562

Check out the awesome PE murals created by Mrs. Selckmann (*formerly Ms. Kielek*) over the summer. Several students helped her and it was funded by donations.

Which wall will be next....????



Cross Country

By: Sheilla Agopome

Do you love running for fun? How about running trails ? If so Cross Country is the thing for you. Cross Country is competing in running . Here are the RHNS 2018 Teams:

Lady Wildcat CC finished 4-0.

Girls:

Anna Bonapace
Katelynn Comlan-Cataria
Niyati Dalal
Avy Davu
Emma Forbin
Ashley Gray
Katie Kim
Lauren Lederer
Katie Padilla
Nia Richard
Christa Sadd
Mahlet Solomon
Sanvika Thimmasamudram
Mackenzie Troffkin
Trinity Turner
Daniela Yowell
Naila Zidikheri
Ke'Asia Ames
Jasmine Ayetan
Noemi Bolanos
Venice Cole
Chloe Cottrell
Daianary Duran
Kristina Edwards
Camila Gaviria
Gabriel Huynh
Zara Jalloh
Ashley Pierre
Marley Pinsky



Boys CC finished 2-2

Boys:

Owen Barnes
Thomas Chu
Sean Elder
Anil Ghosh
Miles Haynes
Kai Meertens
Niyam Patel
Jordy Profeta
Ilyas Rehman
Frederick Ruttan
Joonas Veimer
Victor Alcantara
Christian Baldwin-Guevara
Julian Balmoville
Nick Bartolo
Ivan Cancel
Nikkolas Duong
Kevin Ferry
Kymani George
Noah Helms
Simeon Hunter
Abbas Jivan
Immanuel Kim
Malachi Klock
Ibrahim Raziuddin
Franco Ripoli
Matthew Seager
Saaketh Vemunuri
Orion Vo
Desmond Whitley

Girls Softball

Coach- Mr. Lucas

Anaya Bhasin

Brie Cunanan

Morgan Quarles

Ellie Barlow

Gaby Castro

Sofia Gonzalez-Kivitis

Gracie Groves

Maria Hiles

Taylor Jacques

Logan Meyere

Rylyn Munro

Saloni Singh



Our Record was 4-1

Record amount of runs scored this year:

90 runs scored with Maria Hiles leading with 15 scored.

**SGA sponsored Dance coming in February.
Don't miss it!**



Boys Softball

Coach- Mr. Delescavage "Mr. D"

Shahmeer Ahmad

Mohit Belur

Julian Bogan

Sandeep Bommareddy

Vishal Chinthalapale

Kevin Futrell

Dagum Getahun

Kumaraguru Gnanavel

Cooper Magnotta

Jon Morgan

Ryan Ngo

Ayush Patel

Benny Porter



The boys fought hard this year, and got better each game! Cooper Magnotta was one of our captains and our teams pitcher, he kept us in most games by consistently throwing strikes. Sandeep Bommareddy and Kevin Futrell were our deep ball hitters, they consistently hit the ball into the outfield driving in RBI's. Ayush Patel, and Ryan Ngo were our defensive MVP's they stopped most balls that came through the middle of the infield.

Next year we will look to Kevin Futrell, Vishal Chinthalapale, and Julian Bogan to be our leaders as they return and help the new players get accustomed to softball here at Rocky Hill.

Thanks for a great season!

Archery Team

The Wildcat Archers

By: Alyssa Bass

The Rocky Hill Middle School archery team gives many students a chance to compete in a popular and very educational sport. Archery teaches many lifeskills that are useful in daily life, outside of the range. We talked to Coach Leck and a few team members about the future of the team, their favorite aspects, and what archery means to them. Here is what they had to say:

WR: How many years have you been coaching the archery team?

Coach Leck: I have been coaching the Wildcat Archers for 7 years.

WR: Why did you want to start the archery team

Coach Leck: I wanted to give them a new, different opportunity since there aren't many archery teams nearby.

WR: What is your favorite aspect of archery?

Coach Leck: I really love to help children.

WR: What kind of kid are you looking for to be on the archery team?

Coach Leck: I'm looking for kids who are willing to learn. That's a big aspect. If they aren't willing to learn, how can they get better? I also want kids who will put in the time to improve, at practice and at home. Finally, I'm looking for kids I can trust. Archery can be dangerous if it's done wrong, so the kids need to be responsible and trustworthy.

WR: How are you handling managing both a middle and high school team?

Coach Leck: Well, starting a high school team is a new challenge. I am working with the staff at the high school to put things into motion and I'm needing a lot of parent help but we're getting there.

WR: Do you think your team has a chance at winning the state tournament again this year?

Coach Leck: I think they can do it if they put in a lot of work outside of practice. A few of my shooters could score in the mid 280's and maybe even 290's if they work really hard and focus this year. I would love to see the team shoot a score of 3200 this year, which we have not yet done, but I believe they are very capable of achieving it.

WR: What is your favorite part about your current team?

Coach Leck: My team right is made up of an amazing group of kids and they have all improved so much since the beginning of their time on my team. I think they are incredibly dedicated and hardworking.

We asked a few teammates about what archery means to them as a sport and we got some really fascinating answers.



Abigail Chan (230): "Archery is a fun, challenging, mentally rigorous, and physical sport. It is a fun way to be competitive with yourself and others at the same time. Archery is a unique sport where you are an individual player and a team player all at the same time."

Joshua Dixon (260): "Archery means a lot to me because it helps me build strong relationships and lets me socialize with my friends. It also helps me clear my mind of my school work and academic responsibilities. I am able to relax and focus on sports."

With the archery tournament season starting this fall I know the team will perform wonderfully and that Coach Leck will get a lot of great new kids for his team.

Wildcat Cares Food
Collection Nov. 12-16th.



Strive for 5

By: *Sasha Golubchik*



Do you know where all the trash goes after you throw it away? Into the ocean! How? Well we interviewed Miss. Smetanick and she gave plenty of information that we are about to share with you. Miss. Smetanick can't help but notice the litter on the ground, she knows where it's gonna end up. She says " We all together can do something and make a big impact," she also says, that if every student in RHMS can pick up 5 pieces of litter a day, that is 42,750 items picked up by the whole school.

Not only that but the trash is also ending up inside sea animals like, turtles, sea lions, whales, and eagles.

The amount of trash in the ocean is the size of Texas.

Miss. Smetanick got her inspiration from Miss. Evans the queen of the green team. Please think about where the trash is going and Strive for 5.



Adventure Park 8th Grade Field Trip

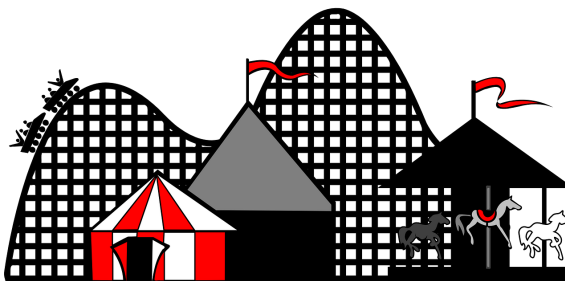
By: *Manha Tariq*

Adventure Park, USA. For most eighth grade students, the first thing that popped up in their head when asked about the trip was the word fun. It was fun for these students because not only were they given a lot of freedom in what they wanted to do, they also had a lot of time to explore outside of their comfort zones alongside their friends, who might have helped provide a small push of confidence for them. An example of this would be that in one of the ride's line a student was getting scared of the roller coaster and kept on saying that he didn't want to go on it, though the student protested against going on the ride everyone in the line convinced him to get on the ride and ended up going and enjoying it. When students were asked what they would do differently the majorities response was that they would go on more rides than I did before.

During this trip students were able to purchase their own food items and lounge at the food court whenever they wanted, so when asked about the food, the majority of students agreed that the fries and the ice cream were their favorites off of the all the options that were provided on the menu, and when asked about their favorite rides or activities the students would have a hard time singling out the one that they liked the most, all through the most talked about rides and activities were laser tag and the red roller coaster.

At the end of the day, all of the students really enjoyed the trip and were surprised with a slideshow with moments of the trip. Everyone enjoyed the trip so much that ten out of ten would recommend it.

Thank you for the trip 8th-grade staff!



Music Lover Deets With A Treat

By: Sage Jean-Baptiste

To all my music lovers out there, have you ever missed out on current upcoming concerts because you just didn't know the date. From different genres here are the artist and their concert dates from 2018 to 2019.

Electronic Music

- Alesso, November 10, 2018, Washington, DC (Glow at Echostage)
- Iggy Azalea, November 1, 2018, Oxon Hill, MD (The Theater at MGM National Harbor)
- David Guetta, December 11, 2018, Indianapolis, IN (Bankers Life Fieldhouse)
- The Chainsmokers, December 11, 2018, Indianapolis, Indiana (Bankers Life Fieldhouse)
- Galantis, November 9, 2018, Charlotte, NC (World)
- Lauv, December 13, 2018, New York, NY (Beacon Theatre)
- Marshmello, December 11, 2018, Indianapolis, IN (Bankers Life Fieldhouse)
- Tiesto, December 26, 2018, Washington DC (Echostage)
- Billie Eilish, November 7, 2018, Washington DC (9:30 Club)
- R3hab, December 24, 2018, New York, NY (Marquee Nightclub 2018)

All types of Pop Music

- Bastille, December 4, 2018, Washington, DC (The Anthem)
- Charlie Puth, December 13, 2018, New York, NY (Beacon Theatre)
- Daya, November 10, 2018, New York, NY (Terminal 5)
- Elley Duhe, December 5, 2018, Washington DC (Songbyrd Music House)
- Jessie J, October 19, 2018, New York, NY (Manhattan Center Hammerstein Ballroom)
- MAX, November 8, 2018, Washington DC (9:30 Club)
- Tori Kelly, November 8, 2018, Nashville, TN (Ryman Auditorium)
- Kiiara, November 11, 2018, Washington DC (U Street Music Hall)
- Pentatonix, December 2, 2018, Washington DC (The Anthem)
- Panic! At The Disco, January 20, 2019, Washington DC (Capital One Area, formerly Verizon Center)

Hip-Hop

- Cardi B, November 3, 2018, Greensboro, NC (Greensboro Coliseum Complex)
- Gucci Mane, November 16, 2018, Brooklyn, NY (Eagles Ballroom, The Rave/ Eagles Club)
- Kyle, November 1, 2018, Silver Spring, MD (The Fillmore Silver Spring)
- Post Malone, December 29, 2018, Brooklyn, NY (Barclays Center)
- Travis Scott, November 8, 2018, Baltimore MD (Royal Farms Arena)
- Childish Gambino, December 2, 2018, Nashville, TN (Bridgestone Arena)
- Lil Yachty, November 2, 2018, Buffalo, NY (Town Ballroom)



R&B

- Ella Mai, November 3, 2018, Greensboro, NC (Greensboro Coliseum Complex)
- Ne-Yo, December 1, 2018, New York, New York (Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden)
- John Legend, November 28, 2018, Oxon Hill, MD (The Theater at MGM National Harbor)

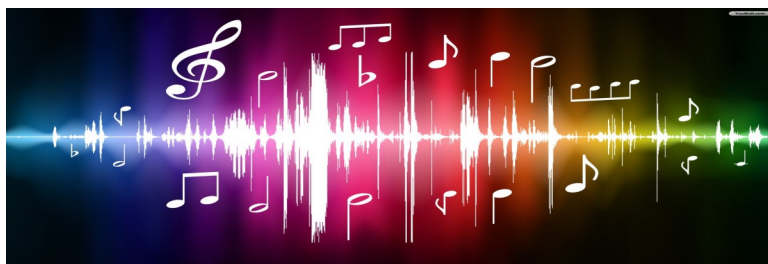
Rock

- Justin Timberlake, January 4, 2019, Washington DC (Capital One Arena, formerly Verizon Center)
- CHVRCHES, November 29, 2018, Indianapolis, IN (Indiana Farmers Coliseum)
- Josh Groban, November 15, 2018, Washington DC (Capital One Arena, formerly Verizon Center)

Country

- Kelly Clarkson, March 16, 2019, Baltimore, MD (Royal Farms Arena)
- Eric Church, November 5, 2018, New York, NY (Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden)
- Carrie Underwood, June 13, 2019, Hershey, PA (Giant Center, Hershey Park)

Here are just the music that most people listen to. If you have no interest or little interest in the songs above. You can go to <https://www.songkick.com/home> or the Songkick Play Store App. To everyone who has interest keep the dates somewhere safe. You won't regret what awesome opportunity each concert brings!



Opal's Stars The Story of How Stars Were Created

A Myth by: Chloe D. Kim

Look up at the night sky. What do you see? Stars. Millions of tiny sparkling stars in the sky surrounding the moon like a blanket. They spread across the sky so far, we don't know how many are out there. There are so many, we can't even count them all. How did these beautiful specks of light come to exist?

Long ago, when the Greeks worshiped gods and goddesses, there was a goddess of the stars, Opal. Opal has short, silky, jet-black hair that clipped inward at her chin. Opal has green eyes the color of emeralds and wore a green hoodless robe with a gold rim around the bottom of it. She wears strapped sandals and has her own pair of winged sandals. Opal was the age where she could become a goddess. She needed to rule over something that wasn't ruled over yet. One day Iris, Opal's best friend asked Opal, "What are you going to rule?" "I don't know," Opal replied. "I've never really thought about it." "I'm sure you will find something soon.." Iris said reassuringly. But Opal started to worry. She couldn't be a goddess without something to rule. Iris made rainbows, Demeter made berries, veggies, and plants, and Epimetheus created humans and animals. What could Opal make?

The next day, Opal went to Earth to look for inspiration. It was hard to find something to rule over. Everything she saw was already ruled over. She stayed on Earth until it was night. She saw a couple of humans walk by. "Epimetheus created humans because that was his finishing touch to Earth." Opal thought. "I can't add anything to Earth. But maybe I can rule something outside of it." Opal looked up at the sky. She lay down on the grass. She saw the white shining moon in the sky rise in front of her. And behind her, she watched a rainbow of sunset colors bursting from the sun turning orange, then green, then blue. The blue faded darker and darker until there was only the glowing moon surrounded by black darkness. "The sunset has a rainbow of colors when it sets. What if I could give the moon something beautiful as well when it rises?" Opal thought. "The moon looks so lonely when there is just darkness surrounding it. What if I could give more light? What if I could give the moon shining friends? I could give the humans a beautiful sight of something more than just the lonely moon," Opal wondered aloud. How could she possibly create light? Opal fell asleep on the grass under the dark emptiness with the only light of the lonely, pale moon. That night, Opal dreamt of another night. A night with sky, a moon, and stars.

The next day, Opal set off to make her plan a reality. She took a pair of flying-winged sandals, a bag, and five big jars. She slipped her sandals on, put the bag around her shoulder, and put the jars in the bag. She said the word "Fly!" aloud and her sandals took off. She went straight to her friend, Iris, in Mount Olympus. "Iris, I know what I will rule. I will need special ingredients to make it." Opal told her. "What do you need me to do?" Iris asked. "I need some of your rainbow colors." Opal replied. "Of course. I have so many jars. You can have up to four colors. I need enough colors to make rainbows." Iris informed her. "That's fine." Opal said. Iris laid out the colors of the rainbow down in jars so Opal could choose four colors she wanted. "Hmmm. I think I will go with vibrant colors that will appear bright in the sky." Opal said. Opal stared at the colors and chose carefully. "I choose red, yellow, orange and blue." Opal said. Iris gave her all the colors she needed and sent Opal on her way. "Thanks Iris!" Opal said as she left Mount Olympus carrying all the jars of sparkling colors.

Next, Opal headed to the sun to see Helios, the sun god. Opal found him riding in his golden chariot moving the sun around Earth. "Helios!" Opal shouted so he could hear her. "May I have a piece of the sun?" Opal asked politely. "I know what I want to rule and I need a small piece of the sun to make it!" "Sure! The sun is so big that I have plenty! Take a fifth of it!" Helios answered. So Opal took her empty jar out of her bag and holding it side-

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ways, scooped out a fifth of the sun. "Thank you!" Opal said as she flew down from the sun.

She flew back to her house in Mount Olympus. She took off her flying sandals and put on her normal sandals. She went into her room. She sat at a desk in her room and took out the jar with the sun in it. Then, she took out the sparkly rainbow colors. Opal took all the lids off the jars. She evenly scooped out a fourth of the sun in her jar using an iron spoon and put it in the red jar. She did the same with the orange, yellow and blue jar until the sun jar was empty. She mixed each of the rainbow jars one by one with the spoon. What she ended up with was big jars with different colors of a sparkling, glowing, mixture of light. She took out the mixture from each jar and broke them into small pieces. She shaped each and every one of them into spheres. Even though it was day, they glowed so much that they looked more like a spiky shape. She made millions and millions of tiny glowing stars. It took days. When Opal finally finished, she combined all of the stars into one big vase. They didn't mix colors. It was time to scatter the stars.

She used a chariot pulled by Pegasus to fly to the galaxy. She took her giant vase of stars with her. When Opal got there, she took a breath and tilted the vase over the rim of the chariot. All the stars came pouring out of the vase. There were so many that each of them floated in different directions scattering across the night sky. It was an extraordinary sight seeing all of the sparkling stars sliding everywhere. The moon seemed almost happy to have company. Opal looked down at all the humans that came out of their houses to see the stars. They were all overjoyed the stars would come out every night so they could see them. They laid in the grass happily making constellations. When Opal came down to the humans, they asked, "What do you call these wonderful specks of light?" Opal didn't have to stop and think. She already knew. "Stars." Opal answered. "They're called stars. And they will stay with you for as long as you live."

This was a story of how stars were created. To this day, Opal is still keeping her promise that stars would be with humans. Forever.



Riverdale TV show

By: Rayn Anwar

Riverdale's back for another season starting October 10th at 8 pm. Riverdale is on CW and has been running since January 26, 2017. After last season's cliff hanger ending Riverdale is back for another season. The last episode ended off with Sheriff Minetta arresting Archie Andrews for a false murder. This episode ended off seeing Archie dragged away in handcuffs by Sheriff Minetta. Tonight we're looking to see what Jughead, Veronica, and Betty do about Archie in jail knowing he didn't kill Shadow Lake resident Cassidy Brooke. Hiram's Lodge's downfall is what we are looking into this season of Riverdale. As we've seen near the end of Season 2 FP has resigned as Serpent King and put his son Jughead in charge. We'll see how being serpent king changes the story and his gang lifestyle. Whereas we see Veronica's relationship with her father is the evil controller of Riverdale, with his wife Hermione in office as Mayor. Betty's darkness the same her father, her grandfather, and her great-grandfather all shared is yet to be seen at this point. Nearing the end of the episode we see Betty reconnect with her father in jail for the spontaneous murders of Riverdale residents. She says a goodbye but her father remarks they'll meet again one day, and her darkness lives inside her as it did in him. Riverdale season 2's story changed with many cliffhangers and the plot twists. Season 3 starting tonight has much to offer, and much to explain!

Did you know– Mantis Shrimp?

Mantis Shrimp

By: Chloe Kim

The Mantis Shrimp is a true heavy hitter. Just another example that powerful things come in small packages.

Amazing Attacks

Mantis shrimp are only about 15 centimeters long but they are one of the strongest animals in the world! There are Most species of mantis shrimp live in tropical and subtropical waters in the Indian and Pacific Oceans between eastern Africa and Hawaii. There are two categories of mantis shrimp. First, there's the smasher. They punch with "clubs" to crack open snail and crab shells to devour their prey's meat. They punch with the speed of a .22 caliber bullet! That is 50 times faster than we can blink! It's the fastest attack in the animal kingdom! Second, there's the spearer. Buried with sand up to his eyeballs, he watches and waits. When he sees his prey, he springs into action impaling his prey with a built in blade. With blinding speed, he drags in beneath the sand. Amazing, right? But another amazing thing about the mantis shrimp is their eyes.

A Peacock mantis shrimp is one type of smasher.



A Zebra mantis shrimp is one type of spearer.



Incredible Eyes

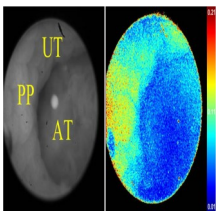
Cones allow us to see color. We have three cones: red, green, and blue. Red allows us to see other colors derived from red. So we can see all the rainbow colors from red through violet. Sharks have one cone so their world looks like a black and white movie. The mantis shrimp has sixteen cones! That means mantis shrimp can see a world of colors past the violet at the end of the rainbow. They can see colors that we can't see. Their world would look like an explosion of color and beauty! But that's not all. There is more to this miraculous eye.

Secret Code

And it has to do with polarized light. When sunlight hits some surfaces, like the scale of a fish, it has a way of changing this light and organizing it so the light moves in a single plane. Humans can't tell this is happening. But mantis shrimp can make out where in the ocean light is being polarized. Some mantis shrimp take this one step further and create their own kind of polarization. And they use it as a secret code. Mantis shrimp are incredibly territorial. They will defend a burrow to the death. But some, like the Peacock mantis shrimp have a way of avoiding the fight. When he looks into a burrow, he can tell if another mantis shrimp has already claimed it by the way light is hitting its body. That's the secret code!

An Unlikely Inspiration

Polarized light can see things humans can't, such as cancer cells. The mantis shrimp's eyes, which can see differences in polarized light, inspired researchers to build a tiny easy-to-use camera to detect cancerous cells. By reverse engineering the mantis shrimp's eye into a camera, scientists have begun to use polarized light to diagnose diseases. The team's research shows that its sensor has the ability to detect cancerous lesions before they appear as visible tumors. Thanks to the mantis shrimp's vision, it helped scientists build a compact camera that can see cancer. It just goes to show how we see the world differently when we look through another set of eyes.



This endoscopy footage reveals cancerous cells in plain sight by the way they react to polarized light.

Microwave Etiquette

By Marley Pinsky

Beep, beep, beep! What's that sound? Microwaves in the cafeteria! That's right, our school has finally been privileged with microwaves in our cafeteria, thanks to our wonderful PTA and SGA. But now that we have microwaves, we must use them properly so that we don't annoy everyone else in the cafeteria. You don't want to be that person whose food explodes all over the walls of the microwave.

Tip #1 - Don't walk away while your food is in the microwave. Even if you're heating up an item that takes a while, don't walk away from the microwave. If you do, you might not get back in time. Your food will be ready and you won't be there. This is a problem because A. your food might get cold, and B. you will hold up other people waiting to use the microwave. You wouldn't want to wait for somebody to come back from across the cafeteria before you start heating up your food, so don't make someone else go through that agony!

Tip #2 - Avoid overly-odorous foods. These include bacon, heavily garlicky foods, and most notoriously, fish.

Tip #3 - Don't splatter! Without protection, sauce or dip can get all over the walls of the microwave. You can easily cover your food with a paper towel or napkin to avoid making a huge mess.

Tip #4 - Don't turn on the microwave without something inside it. Microwaves channel heat energy directly to the molecules inside food. When there is nothing inside the microwave to absorb the microwaves, the microwave could get damaged or even catch on fire.

Tip #5 - Never microwave plastic. Plastic containers could melt and leak toxins into your food.

Tip #6 - Do not burn popcorn! The smell lingers for days, and it smells awfully pungent. Listen to the kernels popping; if there are more than two or three seconds in between pops, it means your popcorn is burning.

Tip #7 - Here's what you should NOT microwave...

Paper bags. The USDA says, "They are not sanitary, may cause a fire, and may emit toxic fumes."

Grapes. If you microwave grapes, it would cause them to spark, and they may explode. Plus, why would you want to microwave grapes in the first place?

Styrofoam. Toxic chemicals may contaminate food when exposed to the heat. Styrofoam would also melt while being heated up.

Eggs in shells

Aluminum foil

Metal

Keep this in mind and you can help make the cafeteria a better place!



Dress Code Debate

By: Vaishali Sukumar

Dress codes. The rules that loom over us all. Dress codes are known to upset a lot of people and it's sole purpose is to dampen the ways that students express themselves. Let's face the truth, some of us are a little too expressive, but that doesn't mean that everyone's privileges have to be stripped away. What do you think?

You may have experienced being dress coded, or seen someone suffer the consequences, whether its sliding on a jacket, or changing into your gym clothes. You may find it unfair, or you may think it is a completely fair set of rules. The Wildcat Roar interviewed a couple students asking what they thought about the dress code.

Saloni Singh, an 8th grader shared her opinion about how fair the dress code is. She says that she doesn't think it's fair because the boys get more options than the girls, and the rules aren't enforced as much as they are for the girls.

Mia Cicalese, an 8th grader agrees with Saloni, saying that the dress code is not fair and enforced equally between genders. She wishes that the girl's dress code rules were reasonable and not so strict because many clothing options are taken away because of these unfair rules.

Bella Keister, an 8th grader also thinks that the dress code should be enforced more fairly between genders, because boys are given more privileges.

Another 8th grader has a different opinion about the dress code. She says that the dress code isn't as strict as some other schools, which is good because it shows a sign of creativity when someone has something nice on.

A seventh grader agrees with this opinion, saying that it is good that the Rocky Hill administration tries to enforce the rules, but they aren't too strict about it.

Lauren Keister, a 6th grader thinks that the dress code is fair because some clothing is just not appropriate to be wearing in public, or even in school.

All these different opinions prove that it may be a time for a change. Our hope is the administration will take these opinions and suggestions into consideration, and possibly change the dress code.



The Great Gum Debate

By: Sameen Farouk

Have you ever wondered if your allowed to chew gum in class? Or if your teachers will get mad if you have gum or not. Well here are some teachers opinion on having gum in class. My first teacher was Ms. Smetanick. She thinks that not all students are respectful on how they chew their gum like some stick it under the desks, they chew it really loud, and they blow bubbles. So she thinks they should not have gum but and I quote Ms. Smetanick said "I'm the worst gum chewer ever, I chew my gum, I smack it and crack it so I get it." Now my second teacher was Mrs. Rye. She doesn't mind if her students chew gum. She just doesn't want to see or hear the gum. But she did say that if the rule is violated than she will banned all gum in her classroom. "All preferences should be respected whether or not they are allowed gum or not." Now this last one will be the tie breaker. The last person I interviewed was Mrs. Tippett. Now she had different reasons because I had asked about whether or not gum should be allowed in gym class. So she had said that, her opinion is that in the main gym or in AUX 1 or AUX 2 that students should not have gum because in the gym students are doing exercises so sometimes the gum will fall out of their mouth and it will fall out and students won't pick it up of the ground. Another reason is that gum when doing workouts or exercises is a choking hazard because students will be jumping and moving around and they could be chewing on their gum and then accidentally swallow it or they could choke on it. But she also said that when students are outside its O.K. but it cannot be a distraction to students like if they chew on it loudly, or smack it, or chew with their mouth open and

it becomes a distraction then she will ask you to spit it out. So all of are teachers have different preferences on whether or not have gum. But It's just up to them.

So Rocky Hill which ONE IS IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Winter Sports:
Boys and Girls Basketball



Supernatural

By: Sameen Farouk

Looking for a new show? Getting tired of watching the all of the same seasons over and over again? Well I have something that will help. One of the most interesting, insane, scary {kinda} shows you'll ever watch. It's called Supernatural. It's about two brothers Sam and Dean Winchester and they are on a quest to find the thing that killed their mom. The show is very interesting for the first 1 or 2 seasons they are searching for their mom but eventually an even bigger threat comes to them and they start hunting the Supernatural. They have very shocking characters in the show. The people that you might think are dead or alive, the suspense of not knowing if they are actually gone or if they are planning something bigger. It's crazy! You'll be dropping popcorn, screaming at the TV and your parents will get mad for being up until 3:00 am in the morning and you might fall off of your couch every time you watch an episode. {That might have happened to me.} One thing that is also really cool is the intros as they are awesome and the characters will say something dramatic. Additionally they have A LOT of seasons. They have 13 seasons, {coming out with their 14th.} They are the 2nd longest streaming show on Netflix. Season 14 is came out on October, 11th, 2018 now I know that this article will come out later but just letting you know. The show comes on the CW app or the channel. It comes on at 8:00 pm and ends at 9:00, on Thursdays. The episodes are about 40 minutes which is long but it is a really good show. I love the show, I love to watch with my cousins and I think it's great. it might not be for you but it's just a suggestion you might want to watch the first episode just to see but you know it's just something if your bored of watching the same show over and over. All 13 seasons are on Netflix.

